

In the Specification

On page 4, line 23, please insert the following:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

An embodiment of the present invention will now be described, by way of further example only, with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 shows a portable computing device controlled by an Operating System with a corrupt non-volatile drive and a temporary RAM drive; and

Figure 2 shows a procedure of replacing a corrupt C: drive.—

Please amend the paragraph that appears on page 5, lines 3 to 10, as follows:

The invention will be described with reference to an implementation using SymbianOS from Symbian Limited of London, United Kingdom. A SymbianOS based device, as in Figure 1, 101, in which the SymbianOS operating system is intact, 103, always has a C: drive, which is the internal read/write drive, and the system cannot boot to a functional GUI without a usable C: drive. The C: drive is normally Flash-based, which means that there is always the possibility of it becoming corrupt. This invention envisages a method of replacing a corrupt C: drive 105 with a temporary RAM drive 107 so that a SymbianOS device remains usable 109 in the event of a failure of the C: drive.

Please amend the paragraph that appears on page 5, lines 12 to 21, as follows:

The procedure is this:

- a) Early in boot, check whether the C: drive is corrupt (exactly how this is done will be discussed later), shown as step 201 in Figure 2.
- b) If the drive is corrupt it is replaced with a RAM drive, possibly also creating some default files on it. (These default files may be created programmatically or may be copied from templates held elsewhere in the ROM of the device.), 203 and 205.
- c) The corrupt drive is moved to a different drive letter so it can still be accessed to reformat it (and possibly also attempt to extract any files that may still be accessible.), 207 and 209.
- d) The GUI will detect that the C: drive has been replaced with a RAM drive and will at least inform the user of the situation, 211 and 213.